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Dear Professor Sonneborn:

Thank you for sending me copies of your letters urging Soviet leaders to permit Sergey A. Kovalev to continue his scientific endeavors either in the Soviet Union or abroad.

We think it is a good idea for Americans of all walks of life to express their concern about human rights cases directly to the Soviets. Letters from a person of your stature in the scientific field about the plight of a distinguished Soviet scientist are especially appropriate and I hope, persuasive.

We have expressed concern about the human rights situation in the Soviet Union on many occasions and you can rest assured that we will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

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